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## Supplementary Material 1. Influenza and non-influenza respiratory virus (NIRV) detection

Nasal/nasopharyngeal specimens were collected using Copan flocked swabs in Universal Transport Medium<sup>TM</sup> and refrigerated at 4°C until testing. All testing was at provincial public health reference laboratories in British Columbia (BCCDC Public Health Laboratory), Alberta (Alberta (Public Health Laboratory (ProvLab)), Ontario (Public Health Ontario Laboratory) and Quebec (Laboratoire de santé publique du Québec). All are accredited clinical and public health diagnostic and reference laboratories subject to regular proficiency testing programs, conducted at least thrice annually.

In all provinces except Quebec, specimens were screened for influenza A and B viruses using validated in-house reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) assays. Regardless of influenza positivity, specimens were additionally tested for a panel of influenza and NIRV targets using commercial multiplex RT-PCR assays as specified in <u>Table S1a</u>. In Quebec, screening for influenza was also by commercial multiplex RT-PCR assay. Influenza and non-influenza respiratory virus (NIRV) targets included in multiplex assays are specified in <u>Table S1b</u>.

Alberta did not perform NIRV testing in 2015-16 or 2016-17; Ontario did not in 2015-16. These provinces were excluded from influenza and NIRV analyses those seasons. Panels used in Ontario did not detect the HKU1 type of coronavirus any season; however, in other provinces, HKU1 comprised only a minority of coronaviruses detected overall (53/349; 15%). During the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons, the NIRV panel used in British Columbia and Quebec included three atypical bacteria targets; however, just five specimens included in the current study tested positive for one of these bacterial targets including three in British Columbia in 2016-17 and one each season from Quebec. For the current study, these bacterial targets were not taken into account.

Table S1a. Influenza and NIRV assays by season and province, 2010-11 to 2016-17

| 2010-11         Influenza         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCR <sup>a</sup> rRT-PCR         QI/           NIRV         Luminex® xTAG® RVP         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV12 ACE         ResF           2011-12         Influenza         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCR   | AGEN Plex II v2 AG® RVP FAST |
|---|------------------------------|
| 2010-11           Influenza         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCRa         rRT-PCR         QI/           NIRV         Luminex® xTAG® RVP         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV12 ACE         ResF           2011-12         Influenza         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCRa         rRT-PCR         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV15 ACE         Luminex® xTAG® RVP | AGEN<br>Plex II v2           |
| Influenza         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCRa         rRT-PCR         QLaminex® xTAG® RVP         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV12 ACE         ResF           2011-12         Influenza         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCRa         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCR         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV15 ACE         Luminex® xTAG® RVP                             | Plex II v2                   |
| NIRV         Luminex® xTAG® RVP         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV12 ACE         ResF           2011-12         Influenza         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCRa         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCR         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV15 ACE         Luminex® xTAG® RVP  | Plex II v2                   |
| 2011-12           Influenza         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCR <sup>a</sup> rRT-PCR         rRT-PCR         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV15 ACE         Luminex® xT  |                              |
| Influenza         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCRa         rRT-PCR         rRT-PCRa         rRT-PCR         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV15 ACE         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST         Seeplex® RV15 ACE   | AG® RVP FAST                 |
| NIRV Luminex® xTAG® RVP Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST Seeplex® RV15 ACE Luminex® xT   | AG® RVP FAST                 |
| NIRV   Luminex® x1AG® RVP   Luminex® x1AG® RVP FAS1   Seeplex® RV15 ACE   | AG® KVF FASI                 |
| 2012-13   |                              |
|   |                              |
| Influenza rRT-PCR rRT-PCR <sup>a</sup> rRT-PCR Luminov@xT   | AG® RVP FAST                 |
| NIRV Luminex® xTAG® RVP Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST Seeplex® RV15 ACE   | AG® KVF FASI                 |
| 2013-14   |                              |
| Influenza rRT-PCR rRT-PCR <sup>a</sup> rRT-PCR Luminex®   | xTAG® RVP                    |
| NIRV Luminex® xTAG® RVP Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST Seeplex® RV15 ACE FA  | ST v2                        |
| 2014-15   |                              |
| Influenza rRT-PCR rRT-PCR <sup>a</sup> rRT-PCR Luminex®   | xTAG® RVP                    |
| NIRV Luminex® xTAG® RVPb Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST Seeplex® RV15 ACE FA   | ST v2                        |
| 2015-16   |                              |
| Influenza rRT-PCR rRT-PCR <sup>a</sup> rRT-PCR Luminex®   | xTAG® RVP                    |
| NIRV _ Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST _ FA   | ST v2                        |
| and Luminex® NxTAG®d and Luminex®   | ® NxTAG® RPP°                |
| 2016-17   |                              |
| Influenza rRT-PCR rRT-PCR <sup>a</sup> rRT-PCR  | NxTAG® RPP                   |
| NIRV — Luminex® NxTAG® Allplex™ Respiratory   | INVIAGO ULL                  |

NIRV = Non-influenza respiratory virus; rRT-PCR=reverse transcriptase real time polymerase chain reaction; "—" indicates NIRV testing not undertaken

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> In BC, the influenza screening rRT-PCR assay included an additional target for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> A subset of influenza-positive specimens from Alberta during the 2014-15 season were retrospectively tested for NIRVs in BC using the Luminex® NxTAG® Respiratory Pathogen Panel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> In 2015-16, Quebec switched mid-season from the Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST v2 to the Luminex® NxTAG® panel

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> In 2015-16, BC switched mid-season from the Luminex® xTAG® RVP FAST to the Luminex® NxTAG® panel.

Table S1b. Influenza and NIRV targets on commercial multiplex RT-PCR assays by season and province, 2010-11 to 2016-17

|                                   | QIAGEN           |                      | Seegene®              |                          | Luminex®              |                       |                       |                       |                      |        |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|--|--|
| Assay                             | ResPlex II<br>v2 | Seeplex®<br>RV12 ACE | Seeplex®<br>RV15 ACE  | RV15 ACE Respiratory RVP |                       | xTAG<br>FA            | ® RVP<br>ST           | xTAG® RVP<br>FAST v2  | NxTAG® RPPª  British |        |  |  |
| Province(s)                       | Quebec           |                      | Ontario               |                          | Alberta               | British<br>Columbia   |                       |                       |                      | Quebec |  |  |
| Season(s)                         | 2010-11          | 2010-11              | 2010-11 to<br>2014-15 | 2016-17                  | 2010-11 to<br>2014-15 | 2010-11 to<br>2015-16 | 2010-11 to<br>2013-14 | 2013-14 to<br>2015-16 |                      |        |  |  |
| Adenovirus (combined)             |                  | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | ,                     |                       | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Adenovirus B                      | ✓                | -                    |                       |                          |                       | -                     | -                     |                       |                      |        |  |  |
| Adenovirus E                      | ✓                | 1                    |                       |                          |                       | -                     | · <b>-</b>            |                       |                      |        |  |  |
| Bocavirus                         | ✓                |                      | ✓                     | ✓                        |                       | ,                     |                       | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Coronavirus 229E/NL63 (combined)  |                  | ✓                    | ✓                     |                          |                       | -                     | · <b>-</b>            |                       |                      |        |  |  |
| Coronavirus 229E                  | ✓                |                      |                       | ✓                        | ✓                     | ١                     | /                     | ✓                     | ✓                    | ,      |  |  |
| Coronavirus NL63                  | ✓                |                      |                       | ✓                        | ✓                     | ٧                     | /                     | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Coronavirus OC43                  | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | ✓                     |                       | ✓                     | ✓                    | ;      |  |  |
| Coronavirus HKU1                  | ✓                | -                    |                       |                          | ✓                     | ✓                     |                       | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Coxsackie/echovirus               | ✓                |                      |                       |                          |                       | -                     | -                     |                       |                      |        |  |  |
| Enterovirus/Rhinovirus (combined) |                  |                      |                       |                          | ✓                     | ٧                     | /                     | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Enterovirus                       | ✓                |                      | ✓                     | ✓                        |                       | -                     | -                     |                       |                      |        |  |  |
| Rhinovirus                        | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        |                       | -                     | -                     |                       |                      |        |  |  |
| HMPV                              | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | ١                     | /                     | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Influenza A                       | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | ,                     | ✓ ✓                   |                       | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Influenza B                       | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | •                     | /                     | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Influenza A H1 subtype            |                  |                      |                       | ✓                        | ✓                     | ٧                     | /                     |                       | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Influenza A 2009 H1N1             |                  |                      |                       | ✓                        |                       | ٧                     | /                     | ✓                     | ✓                    | :      |  |  |
| Influenza A H3 subtype            |                  |                      |                       | ✓                        | ✓                     | ٧                     | ✓ ✓                   |                       | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Parainfluenza 1                   | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | ✓ ✓                   |                       | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Parainfluenza 2                   | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | ٧                     | ✓                     |                       | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Parainfluenza 3                   | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | ٧                     | /                     | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| Parainfluenza 4                   | ✓                | -                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | ١                     |                       | ✓                     | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| RSV (combined)                    |                  |                      |                       |                          |                       |                       |                       | ✓                     |                      |        |  |  |
| RSV type A                        | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     |                       | -                     |                       | ✓                    |        |  |  |
| RSV type B                        | ✓                | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                        | ✓                     | -                     | · <b>-</b>            |                       | ✓                    |        |  |  |

NIRV= non-influenza respiratory virus; HMPV=human metapneumovirus; RPP=respiratory pathogen panel; RSV=respiratory syncytial virus; RVP=respiratory virus panel

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Atypical bacterial targets additionally include *Chlamydophila pneumoniae*, *Legionella pneumophila and Mycoplasma pneumoniae*.

Supplementary Material 2. Sensitivity analyses: odds ratios for influenza vaccine effect against influenza and NIRV, Canadian SPSN, 2010-11 to 2016-17

Odds ratios (OR) for influenza vaccine effect against influenza and non-influenza respiratory viruses (NIRV), individually and in combination, were derived by test-negative design using historic datasets of the Canadian Sentinel Practitioner Surveillance Network (SPSN) spanning the 2010-11 to 2016-17 seasons. Estimates derived as in the main manuscript are compared to sensitivity modifications.

In <u>Table S2a</u>, sensitivity analysis includes comparison of ORs that were unadjusted, adjusted for age alone, adjusted for age group and other covariates included in primary analysis (province, specimen collection interval, calendar time and season), and also additionally adjusting for comorbidity and sex. For all models, participants missing complete covariate information were excluded. Comorbidity information was missing for about 6% of influenza, coronavirus, NIRV combined cases and respective controls; sex information was missing for <1%. For models adjusting for comorbidity and sex, participants missing information for these additional covariates were also excluded compared to primary analysis.

In <u>Table S2b</u>, sensitivity analyses compare unadjusted and adjusted ORs excluding or including cases of co-infection across NIRV groupings. Note that influenza co-infections were still excluded from all NIRV analyses.

Table S2a. Sensitivity analysis: adjusting for age and other covariates, without (primary) or with comorbidity and sex

| Target  |   | (exclud                                    | les participants missi   | rbidity and sex as on<br>ng covariate informat<br>interval, calendar tim | tion:                                     | Sensitivity analysis: with comorbidity and sex as covariates  (excludes participants missing covariate information: age, province, specimen collection interval, calendar time, season, plus comorbidity, se |  |                          |   |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--------------------------|--|---|--|--|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| pathogen <sup>a</sup>                             | Test-<br>positive<br>Cases <sup>b</sup> | Test-<br>negative<br>Controls <sup>c</sup> | Unadjusted<br>OR (95%CI) | Adjusted<br>for age only <sup>d</sup><br>OR (95%CI)                      | Adjusted<br>as per primarye<br>OR (95%CI) | Test-<br>positive<br>Cases <sup>b</sup>  | Test-<br>negative<br>Controls <sup>c</sup> | Unadjusted<br>OR (95%CI) | Adjusted<br>as per primarye<br>OR (95%CI) | Adjusted<br>as per primary plus<br>comorbidity and sexf<br>OR (95%CI) |  |  |  |
| Influenza   |   |  |                          |  |   |  |  |                          |   |   |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated  | 843                                     | 1963                                       | 0.58 (0.53, 0.63)        | 0.57 (0.51, 0.62)  | 0.55 (0.50, 0.61)                         | 800  | 1858                                       | 0.57 (0.52, 0.63)        | 0.55 (0.50, 0.61)                         | 0.56 (0.51, 0.63)   |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                                      | 3438                                    | 4618                                       | Reference                | Reference  | Reference                                 | 3209   | 4275                                       | Reference                | Reference                                 | Reference   |  |  |  |
| Non-influenza respiratory viruses (NIRV) combined |   |  |                          |  |   |  |  |                          |   |   |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated  | 817                                     | 1101                                       | 1.16 (1.04, 1.30)        | 1.16 (1.03, 1.30)  | 1.11 (0.99, 1.26)                         | 776  | 1040                                       | 1.16 (1.04, 1.30)        | 1.11 (0.98, 1.26)                         | 1.10 (0.97, 1.25)   |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                                      | 1748                                    | 2740                                       | Reference                | Reference  | Reference                                 | 1627   | 2537                                       | Reference                | Reference                                 | Reference   |  |  |  |
| Coronavirus (C                                    | oV)                                     |  |                          |  |   |  |  |                          |   |   |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated  | 187                                     | 1756                                       | 1.17 (0.97, 1.40)        | 1.10 (0.91, 1.34)  | 1.04 (0.85, 1.28)                         | 181  | 1657                                       | 1.19 (0.99, 1.44)        | 1.07 (0.87, 1.32)                         | 1.05 (0.85, 1.30)   |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                                      | 383                                     | 4191                                       | Reference                | Reference  | Reference                                 | 356  | 3885                                       | Reference                | Reference                                 | Reference   |  |  |  |
| Entero-/Rhinov                                    | irus (EV/RV                             | <u>/)</u>                                  |                          |  |   |  |  |                          |   |   |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated  | 179                                     | 1758                                       | 0.89 (0.74,1.07)         | 0.93 (0.77, 1.13)  | 0.99 (0.82, 1.21)                         | 169  | 1665                                       | 0.87 (0.73, 1.05)        | 0.99 (0.81, 1.22)                         | 1.00 (0.81, 1.23)   |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                                      | 466                                     | 4084                                       | Reference                | Reference  | Reference                                 | 438  | 3775                                       | Reference                | Reference                                 | Reference   |  |  |  |
| Human metapn                                      | eumovirus                               | (HMPV)                                     |                          |  |   |  |  |                          |   |   |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated  | 146                                     | 1808                                       | 1.44 (1.16, 1.78)        | 1.34 (1.06, 1.68)  | 1.19 (0.95, 1.51)                         | 138  | 1711                                       | 1.42 (1.14, 1.76)        | 1.18 (0.93, 1.51)                         | 1.18 (0.92, 1.50)   |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                                      | 244                                     | 4349                                       | Reference                | Reference  | Reference                                 | 229  | 4024                                       | Reference                | Reference                                 | Reference   |  |  |  |
| Parainfluenza v                                   | rirus (PIV)                             |  |                          |  |   |  |  |                          |   |   |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated  | 92                                      | 1862                                       | 0.96 (0.75, 1.24)        | 0.93 (0.71, 1.21)  | 0.96 (0.73, 1.26)                         | 89   | 1760                                       | 0.99 (0.77, 1.27)        | 0.97 (0.73, 1.28)                         | 0.99 (0.75, 1.32)   |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                                      | 224                                     | 4366                                       | Reference                | Reference  | Reference                                 | 207  | 4043                                       | Reference                | Reference                                 | Reference   |  |  |  |
| Respiratory Sy                                    | ncytial viru                            | s (RSV)                                    |                          |  |   | -  | •  | -                        |   |   |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated  | 184                                     | 1759                                       | 1.30 (1.08, 1.57)        | 1.22 (0.99-1.50)   | 1.11 (0.89, 1.37)                         | 171  | 1670                                       | 1.30 (1.07, 1.58)        | 1.07 (0.86, 1.34)                         | 1.03 (0.82, 1.29)   |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                                      | 340                                     | 4219                                       | Reference                | Reference  | Reference                                 | 308  | 3919                                       | Reference                | Reference                                 | Reference   |  |  |  |

NIRV = non-influenza respiratory virus; OR = odds ratio; CI = confidence interval

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Specimens that test positive for influenza virus were excluded from all analyses for which NIRVs were the target pathogen. Vaccinated participants who received vaccine <2 weeks prior to onset of influenza-like illness were excluded.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Single detections, excluding co-infections across NIRV groupings

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Test-negative for the target pathogen; co-infections allowed among controls (except for influenza) but note that for NIRV combined analysis, control group is pan-negative

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Adjusted for age group (1-8, 9-19, 20-49, 50-64, ≥65 years).

e Adjusted for age group (as per footnote d) plus province (Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec), specimen collection interval (≤4, 5-7 days), calendar time (based on week of specimen collection modelled as natural cubic spline functions with 3 equally spaced knots), and season (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17).

f Adjusted as per footnotes d and e and additionally for sex (male or female) and comorbidity (yes or no). Comorbidity defined as chronic medical conditions that place individuals at higher risk of serious complications from influenza as defined by Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) including: heart, pulmonary (including asthma), renal, metabolic (such as diabetes), blood, cancer, or immune comprising conditions; conditions that compromise management of respiratory secretions and increase risk of aspiration; or morbid obesity (body mass index ≥40).

Table S2b. Sensitivity analysis: cases excluding (primary) or including co-infections

|                                 | Prin                                    | nary analysis                              | excluding co-infect      | ions among cases                    | Sensitivity analysis: including co-infections among cases |  |                          |                                     |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Target<br>pathogen <sup>a</sup> | Test-<br>positive<br>Cases <sup>b</sup> | Test-<br>negative<br>Controls <sup>c</sup> | Unadjusted<br>OR (95%CI) | Adjusted <sup>d</sup><br>OR (95%CI) | Test-<br>positive<br>Cases <sup>e</sup>                   | Test-<br>negative<br>Controls <sup>c</sup> | Unadjusted<br>OR (95%CI) | Adjusted <sup>d</sup><br>OR (95%CI) |  |  |  |  |
| Influenza                       |   |  |                          |                                     |   |  |                          |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated                      | 843                                     | 1963                                       | 0.58 (0.53, 0.63)        | 0.55 (0.50, 0.61)                   | 899   | 1963                                       | 0.58 (0.53, 0.64)        | 0.56 (0.51, 0.62)                   |  |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                    | 3438                                    | 4618                                       | Reference                | Reference                           | 3633  | 4618                                       | Reference                | Reference                           |  |  |  |  |
| Non-influenza re                | spiratory viru                          | ses (NIRV) con                             | nbined                   |                                     |   |  |                          |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated                      | 817                                     | 1101                                       | 1.16 (1.04, 1.30)        | 1.11 (0.99, 1.26)                   | 862   | 1101                                       | 1.14 (1.03, 1.27)        | 1.12 (0.99, 1.26)                   |  |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                    | 1748                                    | 2740                                       | Reference                | Reference                           | 1878  | 2740                                       | Reference                | Reference                           |  |  |  |  |
| Coronavirus (Co                 | V)                                      |  |                          |                                     |   |  |                          |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated                      | 187                                     | 1756                                       | 1.17 (0.97, 1.40)        | 1.04 (0.85, 1.28)                   | 207   | 1756                                       | 1.16 (0.97, 1.38)        | 1.08 (0.89, 1.31)                   |  |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                    | 383                                     | 4191                                       | Reference                | Reference                           | 427   | 4191                                       | Reference                | Reference                           |  |  |  |  |
| Entero-/Rhinovir                | us (EV/RV)                              |  |                          |                                     |   |  |                          |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated                      | 179                                     | 1758                                       | 0.89 (0.74,1.07)         | 0.99 (0.82, 1.21)                   | 205   | 1758                                       | 0.89 (0.75, 1.06)        | 1.03 (0.85, 1.24)                   |  |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                    | 466                                     | 4084                                       | Reference                | Reference                           | 534   | 4084                                       | Reference                | Reference                           |  |  |  |  |
| Human metapne                   | umovirus (HN                            | IPV)                                       |                          |                                     |   |  |                          |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated                      | 146                                     | 1808                                       | 1.44 (1.16, 1.78)        | 1.19 (0.95, 1.51)                   | 155   | 1808                                       | 1.39 (1.13, 1.70)        | 1.20 (0.95, 1.50)                   |  |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                    | 244                                     | 4349                                       | Reference                | Reference                           | 269   | 4349                                       | Reference                | Reference                           |  |  |  |  |
| Parainfluenza vir               | us (PIV)                                |  |                          |                                     |   | •  |                          |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated                      | 92                                      | 1862                                       | 0.96 (0.75, 1.24)        | 0.96 (0.73, 1.26)                   | 101   | 1862                                       | 0.94 (0.74, 1.19)        | 0.98 (0.76, 1.27)                   |  |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                    | 224                                     | 4366                                       | Reference                | Reference                           | 252   | 4366                                       | Reference                | Reference                           |  |  |  |  |
| Respiratory Synd                | ytial virus (R                          | SV)  |                          |                                     | -   | -  | <u> </u>                 |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated                      | 184                                     | 1759                                       | 1.30 (1.08, 1.57)        | 1.11 (0.89, 1.37)                   | 204   | 1759                                       | 1.23 (1.03, 1.46)        | 1.10 (0.90, 1.35)                   |  |  |  |  |
| Unvaccinated                    | 340                                     | 4219                                       | Reference                | Reference                           | 399   | 4219                                       | Reference                | Reference                           |  |  |  |  |

NIRV = non-influenza respiratory virus; OR = odds ratio; CI = confidence interval

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Specimens that test positive for influenza virus were excluded from all analyses for which NIRVs were the target pathogen. Vaccinated participants who received vaccine <2 weeks prior to onset of influenza-like illness were excluded.

b Single detections, excluding co-infections across NIRV groupings from cases (co-infections within NIRV groupings retained, e.g. multiple coronavirus infections)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Test-negative for the target pathogen; co-infections allowed among controls (except for influenza) but note that for NIRV combined analysis, control group is pan-negative

d Adjusted for age group (1-8, 9-19, 20-49, 50-64, ≥65 years), province (Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec), specimen collection interval (≤4, 5-7 days), calendar time (based on week of specimen collection modelled as natural cubic spline functions with 3 equally spaced knots), and season (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Cases include co-infections across NIRV groupings but influenza test-positive specimens still excluded from cases and controls for NIRV analyses

Supplementary Material 3. Core prerequisite for TND analysis of influenza vaccine effects on NIRV: impact of including or excluding influenza cases from the control group

In analysis of vaccine effectiveness (VE) by test-negative design (TND), the likelihood of vaccination is compared between test-positive cases and test-negative controls through the odds ratio (OR), adjusted for potential confounders and with VE derived as (1–OR<sub>adjusted</sub>) x 100%. Valid VE estimation by TND requires vaccine to have no effect on alternate etiologies of the same clinical syndrome, included in the control group [1]. As a core prerequisite of TND analysis, therefore, etiologies against which vaccine is effective should be excluded from the test-negative control group, and this applies also when exploring vaccine effects against non-vaccine target pathogens.

This core prerequisite for valid VE estimation by TND is illustrated for influenza vaccine effects against non-influenza respiratory viruses (NIRV) in <u>Table S3</u> below in which we have reanalyzed data adapted from the study by Wolff (univariate analyses available only) [2] as well as the Canadian Sentinel Practitioner Surveillance Network (SPSN) (univariate and adjusted). In this reanalysis of both data sets, we compare ORs *properly* excluding influenza test-positive specimens from the control group (in compliance with the TND core requirement) and *improperly* including influenza test-positive specimens within the control group (in violation of the TND core requirement, presented for illustrative purposes only).

In the context of effective influenza vaccine, cases of influenza would have lower likelihood of vaccination; as such, their inclusion would tend to reduce the proportion vaccinated in the control group and inflate ORs in TND comparison of vaccine exposure between cases and controls. Indeed, as shown in both data sets and for all NIRV outcomes explored, ORs for influenza vaccination become biased higher with *improper* inclusion of influenza test-positive specimens amongst controls. In both data sets this reflects the systematically reduced likelihood of vaccination (i.e. proportion vaccinated) when influenza cases are included within the control group.

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Table S3. Odds ratio (OR) for influenza vaccination among NIRV cases versus test-negative control groups that do or do not include influenza virus positive specimens, adapted from Wolff and the Canadian Sentinel Practitioner Surveillance Network (SPSN)

|  | Influence                 | Dat       | a from Wolff, 2017-18 season [2] |                                   |              | Data from Canadian SPSN, 2010-11 to 2016-17 seasons |             |                          |                                     |  |
|--|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Target pathogen  | Influenza<br>Vaccination  | Casesa    | Controlsb                        | Unadjusted<br>OR (95%CI)          | p<br>value   | Cases   | Controlsa   | Unadjusted<br>OR (95%CI) | Adjusted <sup>c</sup><br>OR (95%CI) |  |
| Non-influenza respiratory virus (NIRV)   | •                         | •         |                                  | ,                                 |              |   |             | ,                        | ,                                   |  |
| ONIDV  | Vaccinated                | 2050      | 2441                             | 0.044                             |              | 817   | 1101        | 4.40                     | 4 44                                |  |
| Cases: NIRV positive specimens Controls: NIRV pan-negative specimens, properly excluding influenza positive          | Unvaccinated              | 830       | 799                              | 0.81 <sup>d</sup><br>(0.72, 0.91) | <0.01        | 1748  | 2740        | 1.16<br>(1.04, 1.30)     | 1.11<br>(0.99, 1.26)                |  |
| Controls. NITV part-negative specimens, property excluding influenza positive  | % Vaccinated              | 71%       | 75%                              |                                   |              | 32%   | 29%         | (1.04, 1.30)             | (0.99, 1.20)                        |  |
| 0 NIDV 30  | Vaccinated                | 2050      | 4491                             | 4.45                              |              | 817   | 1944        | 4.40                     | 4.47                                |  |
| Cases: NIRV positive specimens Controls: NIRV pan-negative specimens, <i>improperly including influenza positive</i> | Unvaccinated              | 830       | 2098                             | 1.15<br>(1.05, 1.27)              | <0.01        | 1748  | 6178        | 1.49<br>(1.35, 1.64)     | 1.47<br>(1.32, 1.63)                |  |
| Controls. NIRV part-negative specimens, improperly including influenza positive                                      | % Vaccinated              | 71%       | 68%                              | (1.05, 1.27)                      |              | 32%   | 24%         | (1.33, 1.04)             | (1.32, 1.03)                        |  |
| Coronavirus (CoV)  |                           | •         |                                  |                                   |              |   |             |                          |                                     |  |
| 0 0 1/2 1/2  | Vaccinated                | 507       | 3984                             | 4.00                              |              | 187   | 1756        | 4.47                     | 4.04                                |  |
| Cases: CoV positive specimens  | Unvaccinated              | 170       | 1459                             | 1.09                              | 0.35         | 383   | 4191        | 1.17                     | 1.04<br>(0.85, 1.28)                |  |
| Controls: CoV negative specimens and properly excluding influenza positive   | % Vaccinated              | 75%       | 73%                              | (0.91, 1.31)                      |              | 33%   | 30%         | (0.97, 1.40)             |                                     |  |
|  | Vaccinated                | 507       | 6034                             |                                   |              | 187   | 2635        |                          |                                     |  |
| Cases: CoV positive specimens  | Unvaccinated              | 170       | 2758                             | 1.36<br>(1.14, 1.63)              | <0.01        | 383   | 7758        | 1.44<br>(1.2, 1.72)      | 1.33                                |  |
| Controls: CoV negative specimens, but improperly including influenza positive  | % Vaccinated              | 75%       | 69%                              |                                   |              | 33%   | 25%         |                          | (1.09, 1.62)                        |  |
| Enterovirus/Rhinovirus (EV/RV)   |                           | 1         |                                  |                                   |              | l   |             |                          |                                     |  |
|  | Vaccinated                | 875       | 3616                             | 0.74<br>(0.65, 0.85)              |              | 179   | 1758        | 0.89<br>(0.74,1.07)      | 0.99<br>(0.82, 1.21)                |  |
| Cases: EV/RV positive specimens  | Unvaccinated              | 400       | 1229                             |                                   | <0.01        | 466   | 4084        |                          |                                     |  |
| Controls: EV/RV negative specimens and properly excluding influenza positive   | % Vaccinated              | 69%       | 75%                              |                                   |              | 28%   | 30%         |                          |                                     |  |
|  | Vaccinated                | 875       | 5666                             | 0.98<br>(0.86, 1.11)              | 0.71         | 179   | 2642        | 1.11<br>(0.93, 1.33)     | 1.22<br>(1.01, 1.49)                |  |
| Cases: EV/RV positive specimens  | Unvaccinated              | 400       | 2528                             |                                   |              | 466   | 7643        |                          |                                     |  |
| Controls: EV/RV negative specimens, but improperly including influenza positive                                      | % Vaccinated              | 69%       | 69%                              |                                   |              | 28%   | 26%         |                          |                                     |  |
| Human metapneumovirus (HMPV)   |                           | I         | Į.                               |                                   |              |   |             |                          |                                     |  |
|  | Vaccinated                | 335       | 4156                             | 4.00                              |              | 146   | 1808        |                          | 4.40                                |  |
| Cases: HMPV positive specimens   | Unvaccinated              | 101       | 1528                             | 1.22                              | 0.09         | 244   | 4349        | 1.44<br>(1.16, 1.78)     | 1.19                                |  |
| Controls: HMPV negative specimens and properly excluding influenza positive  | % Vaccinated              | 77%       | 73%                              | (0.97, 1.53)                      |              | 37%   | 29%         |                          | (0.95, 1.51)                        |  |
| Cases: HMPV positive specimens   | Vaccinated                | 335       | 6206                             | 1.51                              |              | 146   | 2702        | 1.76                     | 4.57                                |  |
| Controls: HMPV negative specimens, but <i>improperly including influenza positive</i>                                | Unvaccinated              | 101       | 2827                             | (1.20, 1.90)                      | <0.01        | 244   | 7970        | (1.43, 2.18)             | 1.57<br>(1.25, 1.97)                |  |
|  | % Vaccinated              | 77%       | 68%                              | (1.20, 1.30)                      |              | 37%   | 25%         | (1.40, 2.10)             | (1.20, 1.01)                        |  |
| Parainfluenza virus (PIV)  | T.,                       | 1 400     | 10-0                             |                                   | 1            |   | 4000        |                          |                                     |  |
| Cases: PIV positive specimens  | Vaccinated                | 139       | 4352                             | 0.53                              | -0.04        | 92  | 1862        | 0.96<br>(0.75, 1.24)     | 0.96                                |  |
| Controls: PIV negative specimens and properly excluding influenza positive   | Unvaccinated % Vaccinated | 92<br>60% | 1537<br>74%                      | (0.41, 0.70)                      | <0.01        | 224<br>29%  | 4366<br>30% |                          | (0.73, 1.26)                        |  |
|  | Vaccinated Vaccinated     | 139       | 6402                             | •                                 |              | 92  | 2754        | •                        | •                                   |  |
| Cases: PIV positive specimens  | Unvaccinated              | 92        | 2836                             | 0.67                              | <0.01        | 224   | 7989        | 1.19                     | 1.17                                |  |
| Controls: PIV negative specimens, but <i>improperly including influenza positive</i>                                 | % Vaccinated              | 60%       | 69%                              | (0.51, 0.87)                      | <b>\0.01</b> | 29%   | 26%         | (0.93, 1.52)             | (0.89, 1.53)                        |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Test-positive cases without co-infections across NIRV-groupings.

b Test-negative controls still allow for co-infections involving other viruses whereas cases exclude all co-infections. Note that this does not apply to NIRV combined for which controls are all NIRV-negative.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> All analyses adjusted for age group (1-8, 9-19, 20-49, 50-64, ≥65 years), province (Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec), specimen collection interval (≤4, 5-7 days), calendar time (based on week of specimen collection modelled as natural cubic spline functions with 3 equally spaced knots), and season (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17)..

d For NIRV, excluding influenza positive specimens, Wolff presents the age-adjusted OR as 0.97 (95% confidence interval (CI): 0.86, 1.09). For other combined or individual NIRV analyses, Wolff did not present adjusted estimates.

|  | Influenza    | 2017-18 season [ | Data from Canadian SPSN, 2010-11 to 2016-17 seasons |                          |                            |       |           |                          |                                     |
|--|--------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Target pathogen  | Vaccination  | Casesa           | Controlsb   | Unadjusted<br>OR (95%CI) | p<br>value                 | Cases | Controlsa | Unadjusted<br>OR (95%CI) | Adjusted <sup>c</sup><br>OR (95%CI) |
| Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)  |              |                  |   |                          |                            |       |           |                          |                                     |
| Casas: BSV positive anagimana  | Vaccinated   | 369              | 4122  | 0.63                     | 0.63<br>(0.53, 0.76) <0.01 | 184   | 1759      | 1.30<br>(1.08, 1.57)     | 1.11<br>(0.89, 1.37)                |
| Cases: RSV positive specimens Controls: RSV negative specimens and <i>properly excluding influenza positive</i>    | Unvaccinated | 202              | 1427  |                          |                            | 340   | 4219      |                          |                                     |
| Controls. Nov negative specimens and properly excluding initidenza positive  | % Vaccinated | 65%              | 74%   | (0.55, 0.76)             |                            | 35%   | 29%       |                          | (0.09, 1.37)                        |
| Cases: BSV positive anasimons  | Vaccinated   | 369              | 6172  | 0.81 (0.68, 0.96)        |                            | 184   | 2652      | 1.60<br>(1.33, 1.92)     | 1.40                                |
| Cases: RSV positive specimens Controls: RSV negative specimens, but <i>improperly including influenza positive</i> | Unvaccinated | 202              | 2726  |                          | 0.02                       | 340   | 7832      |                          | (1.13, 1.72)                        |
| Controls. Nov negative specimens, but improperly including initializa positive                                     | % Vaccinated | 65%              | 69%   |                          |                            | 35%   | 25%       | (1.55, 1.52)             |                                     |